(iv) The Government has constituted an Expert Group under the Chairmanship of Prof. R. Radhakrishna, Director, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai to look into the problems of Agricultural indebtedness in its totality and suggest measures to provide relief to farmers across the country.

Tackling global warming effects on agriculture

3205. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether ICAR or his Ministry has taken up any study or research to find out the impact of global warming on agriculture in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) how much agriculture land has been lost in the country due to global warming and what would be its impact in the coming future;

(d) whether erratic rainfall and frequent floods and droughts which have destroyed crops are the result of global warming; and

(e) if so, what strategy has been adopted by ICAR to tackle this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During Tenth Plan period ICAR has intimated a Network Project on "Impact, Adaptation and Vulnerability of Indian Agriculture to Climate Change" at different ICAR Institutes/State Agricultural Universities. The Project aimed to study the impact of climate change on agriculture as also on bio-diversity, agroforestry, horticulture, livestock and fisheries.

(c) There are no reports indicating loss of agricultural land due to global warming in the country.

(d) There is no evidence that the frequent occurrences of floods or droughts are due to global warming.

(e) Not Applicable.